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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David H Bollinger

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1 Sept. 2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masui (cited by applicant).

See Figures 1, 3 and 4. See also column 2 line 10 through column 3 line 12.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Loppnow et al.

Masui as interpreted above in paragraph 2 teaches everything except the specific folding of the top sheet.

Loppnow et al teaches a way of folding interfold sheets for dispensing (see Fig.

1) where the top sheet has a first end 38 which is folded upon itself at least twice (at 28 and 36).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the interfold stack in Masui be comprised of the stack taught by Loppnow et al which clearly illustrates at least one way sheet may be interfolded for dispensing.

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5. Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Pierson et al.

Masui as interpreted above in paragraph 2 teaches everything except the dispensing container is in the shape of a square box and is made of paperboard. Pierson et al teaches such a dispensing box be in the shape of a square box (cubical) and be made of paperboard (cardboard). See column 2 line 68 through column 3 line 1.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to construct the box of Masui in the shape of a square box (cubical) and of paperboard (cardboard) in view of the teachings in Pierson et al that such boxes can be so constructed.

6. Claims 14 through 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of McCarthy.

Masui as interpreted above in paragraph 2 teaches everything except the dispensing container is made of a polymer and the sheets dispensed comprise wet-wipes.

McCarthy teaches that such dispensing container can be constructed various materials including a polymer (plastic). See column 5 lines 10-17. Further, McCarthy teaches the sheets to be dispensed can be wet-wipes (pre-moistened sheets). See column 5 lines 4-9.

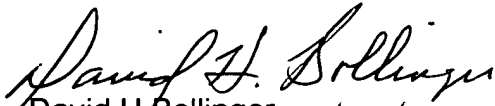
It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to construct the container of Masui from a polymer and employ it to dispense wet-wipes as taught by McCarthy.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H Bollinger whose telephone number is 703-308-1113. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Walsh, can be reached on 703-306-4173. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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